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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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SUBJECT: ICC/LAOS CONTRIBUTION

REF: (A) STATE 253972; (B) STATE 258532

1. WE CONVEYED MESSAGE IN REFTEL (A) TO FCO DESK OFFICER FOR LAOS OCTOBER30, AND ON NOVEMBER 3 TOOK UP SUBSTANCE OF BOTH REFTELS WITH GOLDSMITH, ASSISTANT HEAD OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA DEPARTMENT OF FCO. GOLDSMITH REITERATED BRITISH POSITION AS REPORTED IN LONDON 15521. HE STATED THAT THE AMOUNT OF AID FUNDS THE UK HAS BEEN PUTTING INTO THE AREA HAS BECOME SO SMALL THAT THE UK DOES NOT WANT TO BE THE ONE TO "PUT THE BOOT IN" ON FORCING A TERMINATION OF THE ICC. THE UK DOES NOT WISH TO ACT ALONE, AND THE OTHER CO-CHAIRMAN, THE USSR, WILL NOT ACT UNLESS THE PATHET LAO AGREE TO TERMINATE.

2. WE NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO REFTEL (B) THE ICC STAFF
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IN VIENTIANE NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN DIRE ECONOMIC STRAITS,

AND SPECULATED THAT THEY MIGHT BECOME UNABLE TO CONTINUE
TO OPERATE THE COMMISSION. GOLDSMITH THOUGHT THAT IN
SUCH A CASE THE INDIAN OFFICIALS OF THE ICC MIGHT SO IN-
FORM THE PARTIES.

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